GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:272
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
ISI DEATH SQUADS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 40-50 death squads trained by ISI have arrived in Jammu and Kashmir in January, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the intelligence network in Jammu and Kashmir along the international border have been tightened to search the whereabouts of suicide squads;

(d) whether the Union Government have agreed to provide administrative and financial assistance to Jammu and Kashmir to deal with the militancy in the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by both the Governments for combating militancy in the State ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K.ADVANI)
(a)to(f): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.272 FOR ANSWE 14TH MARCH, 2000.
(a)&(b) There have been inputs about the attempts of Pak sponsored terrorist/organisations resorting to the use of suicide squads for indulging in spectacular actions with a view to inflicting casualties on Security Forces in Jammu & Kashmir.
(c) The Security and Intelligence agencies are fully vigilant and they have been on maximum alert to frustrate the designs of the Pak sponsored terrorist/organisations.
(d)&(e) The Govt. of India is reimbursing additional security related expenditure incurred by the Govt. of J&K, since 1990-91. A total of Rs.1318.31 crore has been reimbursed during 1990-99. In addition Rs.297.97 crore has been released in the current financial year (1999-2000) as on 8th March, 2000.
(f) To curb militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, inter-alia, strengthening border management, neutralising plans of the militants by pro-active action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinary, greater functional integration through an institutional frame work of operation Groups and Intelligence Group of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces.
Steps are being taken to flush out militants and curb militant activities including close vigil on border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.